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FINDING

Detailed Information Relative to Material Noncompliance (Finding)

Finding No.

HC2008BE126 F01

Condition

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Effect

Cause

Monetary Impact on Support

The monetary impact on support is an underpayment of Local Switching Support and High Cost Loop in the amount of \$43,551 and \$492,810 respectively

Recommendation

Before submitting line count filings, the Beneficiary should properly reconcile the

¹ Although we have included management's written responses to our finding, such response has not been subjected to the examination procedures applied in our examination and, accordingly, we do not express an opinion or provide any form of assurance on the appropriateness of the response or the effectiveness of any corrective action described therein.

APPENDIX A – DEFINITIONS

The definitions of a control deficiency and a significant deficiency are as follows:

A control deficiency in an entity's internal control over compliance exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent or detect noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program on a timely basis.

A significant deficiency is a control deficiency, or combination of control deficiencies, that adversely affects the entity's ability to administer a federal program such that there is more than a remote likelihood that noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program that is more than inconsequential will not be prevented or detected by the entity's internal control.

A material weakness is a significant deficiency, or combination of significant deficiencies, that results in more than a remote likelihood that noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program that is material will not be prevented or detected by the entity's internal control.

September 9, 2009

Deloitte & Touche LLP 1750 Tysons Boulevard McLean, Virginia 22102

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	Barry Rinaldo On behalf of Coral Wireless LLC d/b/a Mobile PCS



Peter Gose <peter.gose@mobipcs.com>

RE: USAC Audit Finding Inquiry

1 message

DiMaria, Patricia (US - McLean) <pdimaria@deloitte.com>

Thu, Oct 1, 2009 at 3:49 PM

To: Peter Gose <peter.gose@mobipcs.com>, Elizabeth Pertsevoi <epertsevoi@usac.org>

Cc: Craig Davis <cdavis@usac.org>, "Smith, Krista McClintock (US - McLean)" <kmcclintock@deloitte.com>

Thank you very much.

Let me get in contact with the Deloitte folks that should be on the call and find out their availability first.

Peter- I will get back with you ASAP to find a time that works with us you, and USAC.

Tricia	•		

From: Peter Gose [mailto:peter.gose@mobipcs.com]

Sent: Thursday, October 01, 2009 4:35 PM

To: Elizabeth Pertsevoi; DiMaria, Patricia (US - McLean)

Cc: Craig Davis

Subject: Re: USAC Audit Finding Inquiry

Patricia,

Please see the e-mail below from Elizabeth Pertsevoi at USAC. Can you please schedule a teleconference with her in order to draw a final conclusion respecting your calculations. I would suggest that Tony Pusateri of USAC be invited to that call as well.

Thank you.

Peter Gose Director - Regulatory Affairs



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On Thu, Oct 1, 2009 at 2:20 PM, Elizabeth Pertsevoi <epertsevoi@usac.org> wrote:

Peter -

I was able to grab Craig and we think we are in agreement with you. I'm a little unclear as to what Deloitte is saying in the bolded text you include below, however, I can confirm that it is proper for 4Q HCL/LSS payments to be calculated using the as of 9/30 (previous year), not the 12/31 (previous year) that is used to calculate the ICLS payments in 4Q. This can result in a disconnect in the number of lines used to calculate ICLS and HCL/LSS in the 4Q, but it is still proper. I hope this helps.

Elizabeth Pertsevoi
Program Manager, High Cost
Universal Service Administrative Company
Desk: (202) 263-1643

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From: Peter Gose [mailto:peter.gose@mobipcs.com]

Sent: Thursday, October 01, 2009 12:30 PM

To: Elizabeth Pertsevoi; Craig Davis Subject: USAC Audit Finding Inquiry

Hello Elizabeth,

Thank you for speaking with me this morning and let me apologize in advance for the length of this message.

In early 2007 Coral Wireless LLC was designated as a CETC by the Hawaii Public Utilities Commission. Soon thereafter I met with Craig Davis and Michael Spead at the USAC offices in Washington. The purpose of that meeting was to describe the unusual circumstance of the two incumbent LECS in Hawaii, how that might impact line count filings, and to determine how far back the retroactive line count filings should be made.

During the recent USAC Audit of Coral Wireless that was conducted by Deloitte, only one finding was made.

The same finding, however, suggests that HCL and LSS payments were erroneously calculated and that Coral Wireless was underpaid for those elements. Please see full text of Deloitte finding below:

The Beneficiary overstated the number of lines reported as of December 31, 2006 on its July 31, 2007

According to Deloittes Federal AERS Senior Manager, Patricia DiMaria, who is running this audit, Deloitte had one designated individual who was responsible for interfacing with you Elizabeth to, among other matters, vet their calculations of overpayment and/or underpayment. Ms. DiMaria provided me a workpaper that contains the

calculations made to determine both the overpayment and underpayment that Deloitte cites in the only finding in

Given discussions I have had with Tony Pusateri at USAC, I believe that Deloittes calculations of underpayment may be inaccurate. Ive also attached an Adobe Acrobat PDF file containing a matrix of filing and payment dates

the audit report. I have attached that work paper to this message.

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that Mr. Pusateri provided me which I believe supports my thought that Deloittes calculation of overpayment may not be correct. While Coral Wireless would not object to receiving an additional \$43,551 and \$492,810 in LSS and HCL respectively, I remain unconvinced that this is indeed an accurate calculation.

The Chief Financial Officer of Coral Wireless is reluctant to forward the management representation letter requested by Deloitte until such time as we have an assurance as to the accuracy of their finding or information to the contrary. Said another way, we have an opportunity to respond to the finding in the audit report and want to be certain any position we take in such a response is grounded in fact.

Would you please review the attachments and take this issue up with Craig Davis in your meeting with him tomorrow? Deloitte would like to close out this audit hence a quick response would be appreciated. Please let me know if I can provide any other information.

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Thank you Elizabeth.	
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Peter Gose <peter.gose@mobipcs.com>

RE: Status Inquiry

1 message

DiMaria, Patricia (US - McLean) <pdimaria@deloitte.com>
To: Peter Gose <peter.gose@mobipcs.com>

Thu, Oct 22, 2009 at 12:20 PM

Hi Peter! Thank you for the email. I have been meaning to contact you!

After several discussions, we decided we need to test line counts as of 9/30/06. With that, we will need the forms that were filed relating to that time period as well as the detail of the lines that support the filing. From that data, we will select various lines for further testing. The file should include name, address, start date, disconnect date, telephone number, wire center, zone, type of line, and line status. These items are general data that we will need for testing; however, understanding that your company may have different terms that this list may need to be altered and tailored to what Coral can provide. This data file should be similar to what you previously provided us based upon 12/31/06. Let me know if you would like to discuss live.

Thank you!!

Tricia

From: Peter Gose [mailto:peter.gose@mobipcs.com]

Sent: Thursday, October 22, 2009 12:34 AM To: DiMaria, Patricia (US - McLean)

Subject: Status Inquiry

Hello Patricia,

Do you have a status update after our teleconference a couple of weeks ago?

Peter Gose Director - Regulatory Affairs



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RE: Coral

1 message

Smith, Krista McClintock (US - McLean) < kmcclintock@deloitte.com>

Wed, Jan 27, 2010 at 6:58 PM

To: Peter Gose <peter.gose@mobipcs.com>, Barry Rinaldo <barry.rinaldo@mobipcs.com> Cc: "DiMaria, Patricia (US - Arlington)" <peter <pre>pdimaria@deloitte.com>, "Schweizer, Joan (US - McLean)"

Peter -

Do you have any further update from the consultant?

Regards,

Krista

Krista M. Smith

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From: Peter Gose [mailto:peter.gose@mobipcs.com]

Sent: Tuesday, January 26, 2010 5:55 PM

To: Smith, Krista McClintock (US - McLean); Barry Rinaldo

Cc: DiMaria, Patricia (US - Arlington); Schweizer, Joan (US - McLean)

Subject: Re: Coral

Krista,

Last week I left wice mail with Patricia DiMaria that our consultant is assisting Mobi in gathering the requested data

In that message I told Patricia that the initial review noted 77 lines for which payment data was not available. A

Thank you.

Peter Gose Director - Regulatory Affairs



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On Tue, Jan 26, 2010 at 4:35 PM, Smith, Krista McClintock (US - McLean) < kmcclintock@deloitte.com> wrote:

Peter —

USAC has instructed us to wrap up our work on Coral immediately. My understanding is that we are still waiting for your response regarding the number of "inactive" lines as of September 30, 2006.

In order to move forward and quantify the estimated impact on the support received for Local Switching Support ("LSS") and High Cost Loop ("HCL"), we will be estimating the number of inactive lines at September 30, 2006. Based on the testing results of our sample selection.

We will inform you of the findings once our quantification is complete.

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Regards,

Krista

Krista M. Smith

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Coral Wireless Rep Letter

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Smith, Krista McClintock (US - McLean) < kmcclintock@deloitte.com>

Thu, Feb 11, 2010 at 10:33 AM

To: Peter Gose <peter.gose@mobipcs.com>

Cc: "Schweizer, Joan (US - McLean)" <jschweizer@deloitte.com>, "DiMaria, Patricia (US - Arlington)" <pdimaria@deloitte.com>

Peter -

immediately.	We need to move this forward
Would you please have the attached letter signed and returned to us?	
Also, I need you updated estimate of inactive lines asap.	
Regards,	
Krista	

Krista M. Smith

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Barry Rinaldo

Chief Financial Officer

On Behalf of Coral Wireless LLC



Peter Gose <peter.gose@mobipcs.com>

Coral Update

1 message

Smith, Krista McClintock (US - McLean) < kmcclintock@deloitte.com>

Wed, Feb 17, 2010 at 1:46 PM

To: Peter Gose <peter.gose@mobipcs.com>

Cc: "Schweizer, Joan (US - McLean)" <jschweizer@deloitte.com>, "DiMaria, Patricia (US - Arlington)" <pdimaria@deloitte.com>, "Bass, Jonathan (US - Richmond)" <jobass@deloitte.com>

Peter -

We did touch base with one of the partners at Moss Adams, who pointed us to the following definitions from the FCC 1997 Universal Service Data Request for Forward-Looking Mechanism for High Cost Support to Non-Rural LECs DA 97-1433 CC Docket No. 96-45:

- Working loops include loops used for all services: message and special, revenue and non-revenue.
- Non-working loops include defective loops, loops reserved for some future activity, and loops with a pending connect status.

Using another analogy, for cost companies there are vacation lines, where the customer tells the carrier they are going on vacation, and the carrier can count the line as active because they are billing the customer ½ SLC to keep that line. In order for this to work, the carrier has to be collecting the SLC and reporting the line, which you don't see in the case of Coral since it is a "wait and see" rather than a customer communicated process.

I went back through the spreadsheet that you send over and I did find nine in the "Never Pay" category that seem

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Please have management sign the rep letter that I sent over last week and we will provide you with a draft of our report in the next day or so. Management's response should be included with our report finding, so please have a draft prepared. USAC is pushing us for a date as to when this will be finalized. When do you expect to have the signed management letter and response available?

Regards,

Krista

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Smith, Krista McClintock (US - McLean) < kmcclintock@deloitte.com>

Mon, Feb 22, 2010 at 10:43 AM

To: Peter Gose <peter.gose@mobipcs.com>

Cc: "DiMaria, Patricia (US - Arlington)" <pdimaria@deloitte.com>, "Bass, Jonathan (US - Richmond)" <jobass@deloitte.com>, "Schweizer, Joan (US - McLean)" <jschweizer@deloitte.com>

Peter -

Attached is a draft of our revised report. Please provide us with management's response, no later than COB Wednesday, February 24th.

Regards,

Krista

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Universal Service Administrative Company High Cost Support Mechanism

Independent Accountants' Report on Compliance Relating to High Cost Support Received by Coral Wireless LLC d/b/a Mobi PCS (HC-2008-126) for the Year Ended June 30, 2008

INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT

Universal Service Administrative Company Federal Communications Commission

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Our examination was conducted in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the standards applicable to attestation engagements contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States and, accordingly, included examining, on a test basis, evidence about the Beneficiary's compliance with those requirements and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. We believe that our examination provides a reasonable basis for our opinion. Our examination does not provide a legal determination on the Beneficiary's compliance with specified

As discussed in Finding HC2008BE126 F01, the Beneficiary overstated the number of lines reported as

he line count

was used in the calculation of the Beneficiary's Universal Service Support, which totaled \$14,971,972 for the year ended June 30, 2008.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Universal Service Administrative Company and the Federal Communications Commission, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

INSERT DATE

cc: Management of the Beneficiary

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Cause

Monetary Impact on Support

Recommendation

Management Response [Open for Management's Response]